



ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A low cost, thin liquid crystal display device which can be viewed from front and back sides includes a liquid crystal panel having a pair of opposing substrates and a liquid crystal layer interposed between the opposing substrates, a polarizer provided over a first side of the liquid crystal panel, and a reflection-polarizing plate provided over a second side of the liquid crystal panel opposite the first side to reflect a polarization component of light that is polarized in a specific direction and transmit other polarization components of the light, the reflection-polarizing plate having a reflection axis set in the same direction as at least one of (1) a polarization direction of light that exits the liquid crystal panel after a polarization direction of the light has been changed by the liquid crystal layer, and (2) a polarization direction of light that exits the liquid crystal panel without having being changed in polarization direction by the liquid crystal layer.